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Applicant(s) : Hodges et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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